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# Workers Vote on Deadline to Brown Company

**Club Polls Men on Wage Increase** 

## **Polls Open From 8** A.M. to 8 P.M. in Stahl-Clarke Bldg.

The employees of the Brown Company who are, or have been, mem-bers of the Coos County Workers' Club, will decide definitely today when they vote in the Stahl-Clarke building, whether or not they are to serve notice to the Brown Company officials that they are giving that company one week in which to bring up the matter of seniority rights and a wage increase to the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration.

Y.M.C.A. Field, June 11.—A crowd of approximately 1800 workers turned out at the Coos County Workers' Club mass meeting, held at the baseball Today We Live-Pearl Neil. park, Monday night. The meet-ing was held in order that the by Gladys Ellis. workers might be better enlightened on the activities of their School Song-"Way Up in New Hamporganization which has been attempting the past two months to March of the Class of 1934-High School obtain from the Brown Company a wage increase and seniority rights.

**Concessions** Due to Club President Legassie, speaking thru the microphone, gave the workers (Continued on Page 3)

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## B. H. S. Graduation to be Held Thursday

168 students of the Berlin Senior High School will receive their di-plomas in the High School audi-torium Thursday afternoon, after which most of them will be faced with the realities of life and the problem of earning a living. At 2:30 graduation will be held

and the following program will take place: Overture-High School Orchestra.

"Au Revoir"-Class of '34 and orchestra. America's Dangers-George Keenan, Jane Chase and Thomas Hardy.

Violin and Flute Duct--Louise Mann and Eleanor Gill accompanied by Gladys Ellis Dickens in America-Ruth Chapman.

Vocal Duct-Barbara Ifaddad and John Zolnercyk accompanied by Elizabeth Rozek.

What You See in the movies-Barbara Paine.

Presentation of Diplomas -- Mr. Ezra Yan-

dow, chairman of school committee. shire."

Orchestra.

Evening Program

The Commencement Ball of the Class of 1934 will take place at 8:00 P. M. Thursday in the new gym-nasium of the Berlin High School. The Grand March will start prompt-ly at 9:00 P. M. Reception will be from 8:00 to 9:00 P. M.

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## Lincoln Field Day **Highly Successful**

Special Dispatch to the Guardian

Lincoln, June 9.—The Lincoln Field Day, held under the auspices of the Grafton County Workers Club, here this week was highly successful. The amusements began in the morning with a ball game between the married men and the bachelors.

The baseball game was followed by a 100-yard sack race, 100-yard dash for men, three-legged race, 100-yard dash for women, potato race, 100-yard dash for boys under sixteen, 100-yard dash for girls under sixteen, one-mile race (two prizes), 100-yard dash for boys un-der twelve, 100-yard dash for girls under twelve, three-legged race for girls under eighteen.

The above events were followed by another ball game in the after-noon when the Lincoln Town Team locked horns with the Glen Baseball Nine. In the evening a whist party took place in the St. Joseph Hall and was enjoyed by everyone. The Grafton County Workers Club is planning another huge cele-bration for the Fourth of July and plans to have races and a dance in the evening. They are further plan-ning to revive the old greased pole and the greased pig.

#### PUBLIC AUCTION

PUBLIC AUCTION The Thomas F. Keating property, on Hillside Avenue, will be sold, on the prem-ises, at public auction to the highest bidder on Saturday, June 30th, at one p. m. This sale is for the purpose of settling the estate. This property is now rented to two ten-ants-upstairs rent, five rooms and bath; two-car garage, one stall now rented: property in good repair; hot water heat; large cel-lar; two attic rooms suitable for light housekeeping; one of the most desirable locations in the city. Also, a few personal property articles: furniture, tools, an electric stove, etc. Terms: Cash. The right to reject any and all bids reserved. O. J. COULOMBE. Administrator of the Thomas F. Keating Estate.

#### PUBLIC AUCTION

The Henry Delorge property, on West Milan Road, will he sold, on the premises, at public auction to the highest bidder on Saturday. June 30th, at four p. m., for the purpose of settling the estate. This property consists of about sixty (60) acres of land; a new six-room house suit-able for store and filling station; two large cabins, one rented the year round; a wonderful place for overnight cabins; large tract of this land cultivated for gar-den purposes; four miles from Berlin City Hall. Terms: Cash. The right to reject any

Hall. Terms: Cash. The right to reject any and all bids reserved. GRAZIELLA DELORGE. Administratrix. By COULOMBE & COULOMBE. Her Attorneys.

### **Taxpayers** Case **Submitted To Supreme Court**

The taxpayers motion to intervene in the case of the City of Berlin vs The Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland on John A. Labrie's 1931 bond was in order for oral argument on June 5, 1934, and heard on Thursday. Attorney Arthur J. Bergeron ap-peared for the taxpayers and Attorney Irving A. Hinkley, of Lancaster, for the Bonding Company. Briefs had been submitted

Bank Commissioner, that the bank would pay one hundred per cent in liquidation and that would render all other proceedings useless. This motion was denied by the court and the case ordered by the court and the case ordered to stand for hear-ing. Mr. Hinkley then submitted his case on the brief alone and stated that he might file a supple-mentary brief later.

The Supreme Court advised that as a matter of law taxpayers could intervene in the event of fraud or breach of trust on the part of municipal officials thus upholding the contention of the taxpayers on the law. The pleadings as they stand on the case as reserved and trans-ferred by the Superior Court will necessitate amendment and hearing (Continued on Page 3)

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

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The National City Bank of New York in its monthly statement, reports as follows:

"The Spring rise of business evidently passed its peak about the first of May, and the trend since has been moderately down-ward. It is usual for a decline in industrial activity to get under way in May, running until August, and the recession therefore is partly seasonal in character. However, it also reflects the passing of special influences which had helped to make the rise after the first of the year more pronounced than usual, and had caused production temporarily to run ahead of consumption in some in-

dustries. "Such influences were apparent in both the automobile and steel industries, which were the leaders of the upward movement in the early Spring. Field stocks of automobiles at the beginning of the season were far below requirements, and there was every inducement, in view of the natural business improvement, the disbursement of Government funds to farmers and others, and prospective labor troubles, for manufacturers to build up their dealers' stocks as rapidly as possible. Hence, with some exceptions, production during the first four months exceeded sales by more than the customary margin. By the end of April dealers were once more well supplied. Moreover, sales reports have been less satisfactory. Most companies made less than the expected Spring gains after the higher prices were put into effect in April, and preliminary estimates for May show a decline. For both reasons curtailment of output has followed during May.

In the steel industry the temporary stimulating influence was the price advance announced at the beginning of April, which brought in heavy buying during the period before the new prices took effect. Operating on these orders, mill output expanded from 43.3 per cent of capacity in the first week of April to 56.9 in the second week of May, which may have marked the peak. Buyers in many cases covered requirements well into the third quarter, and in filling these contracts production evidently is outrunning consumption. Hence there are stocks to be absorbed, and with automobile takings falling off, a more than seasonal curtailment in July and August is in prospect.

In the lighter industries making goods of every-day consumption there is also evidence that the expansion earlier in the year was overdone. The cotton mills, whose unfilled orders have been steadily declining, have followed the example of the silk mills in adopting organized curtailment, under direction of the code authority and with the approval of General Johnson. The silk mills closed entirely for one week in May; the cotton mills will reduce machine hours by 25 per cent for twelve weeks beginning June 4. The rayon industry has continued to slow down, and yarn prices have generally been cut 10 cents a pound, following the reduction initiated by one company in April. Wool goods sales have been light and operations are at a very moderate rate, though the Fall goods season should soon be getting under way.

#### INFLUENCES ON PURCHASING POWER

"The current declines in industrial operations, insofar as they are a natural offset to the preceding rise, should not be greatly disturbing to business sentiment. Such fluctuations are inevitable. General forward movements of business induce over-buying, overproduction, and other mistakes of judgment, and it is the usual thing for a reaction to take place after an upswing of five to six months. Moreover, a decline in the indexes during the Summer to levels below one year ago, which is plainly to be expected, will mean little, in view of the special stimulating factors last year.

Nevertheless, there is unquestionably a feeling of disappointment that trade has not been more vigorous, and that purchasing power has not appeared in the markets in the degree that mer-chants hoped for. Much of the improvement both last year and this began on the farm, and the Department of Agriculture, which makes monthly calculations of farm income, is not encouraging in its latest statement. It estimates April income, in-cluding benefit payments, at \$300,000,000, compared with \$311, 000,000 a year ago, and considering that the upward movement had hardly begun in April last year the comparison is wholly unfavorable. The Department also states that farm income during the next few months is 'not likely to exceed that of the corresponding months last year,' which will be recognized as a con-servative opinion in view of the active demand for cotton, wheat and other farm products in June and July last year at, in some cases, higher prices than today.

"Moreover, the farmer not only may have fewer dollars to spend but each dollar will purchase less, in view of the 20 per cent advance in the prices of goods the farmers buy, as shown in the Department's indexes. The farmer has enjoyed a great rise of income from March, 1933, through March, 1934, but obviously there is a limit to the practicability of increasing total income by reducing output; and when the rise stops the farmer will have the increase in industrial prices to offset his gains. The industries must take account of this situation.

"The second important factor in the outlook is the backwardness of the construction and other capital goods industries, which are the chief areas of unemployment and depression. During the first half of May building contract awards, as reported by the Dodge Corporation, declined 8.4 per cent below the April average, which in turn was 20 per cent below March. Ordinarily there is little seasonal change in this period. Residential building was lower than in April or in May, 1933, but the increase in public works was sufficient to raise total contracts 50 per cent over the same period last year.

"The new house renovating program before Congress is calculated to be helpful in the building situation if workmen can be found to do the work for what consumers can pay. According to past experience the plan is sound on its credit side, but the cumulative effect of the codes in the building, materials and supply trades, and the price advances, has been to raise the cost of such work by 40 per cent above the bottom, according to a calculation made for the New York area. The question is whether home owners have had increases in income that will enable them to pay these costs, and if not whether the costs can be reduced. In short, it is a question of the remuneration of the building trades relative to that of all other occupations. If there is not a fair and sound balance between them the building trades will continue to suffer unemployment.'

## "ICE WATER WEATHER

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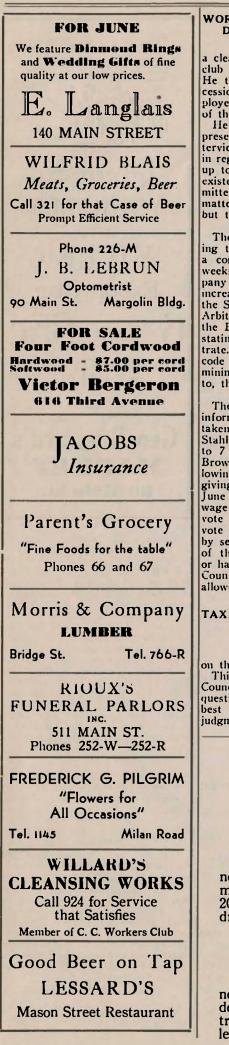
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WORKERS VOTE TODAY ON DEADLINE TO BROWN CO. (Continued from Page 1) a clear picture of the policy of the club towards the Brown Company. club towards the Brown Company. He told the throng that any con-cessions received from their em-ployers had been due to the efforts of the Coos County Workers' Club. He stated that a committee re-presenting the workers had been in-terviewing Brown Company officials in regard to getting a wage increase up to the scale of workers had be

up to the scale of weekly rates in existence in 1929. That the committee also endeavored to get the matter of seniority rights settled, but to no avail. Club Willing to Arbitrate The club called the mass meet-

ing to report to the workers that a committee had been trying for weeks to induce the Brown Company to bring the matter of a wage increase and seniority rights before the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration, but that the officials of Arbitration, but that the officials of the Brown Company flatly refused, stating they had nothing to arbi-trate. They also added that if the code called for a 60 cents per hour minimum, or if they were forced to, they would pay that amount. Workers Vote Today The assembled workers were then

The assembled workers were then informed that a vote would be taken Wednesday, June 13th, in the Stahl-Clarke building from 8 a. m., Stahl-Clarke building from 8 a. m., to 7 p. m., the employees of the Brown Company voting on the fol-lowing question: those in favor of giving the Brown Company until June 20th to bring the matter of a wage increase and seniority rights, vote Yes. Those opposed are to vote No. All voting is to be done by secret ballots and all employees of the Brown Company who are of the Brown Company who are, or have been, members of the Coos County Workers' Club, are to be allowed to vote.

# TAXPAYERS' CASE SUBMITTED TO SUPREME COURT

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on the facts, the court intimated. This would mean that if the City Council in dropping the suit n question used their judgment to the best of their ability though their judgment might have been poor the

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taxpayers would have no relief in the case. However, if the City Council dropped the suit in an in-terest adverse to that of the city such as to enable the official to be bonded again or to protect h'm from losing his property or the like, the taxpayers would be permitted by law to intervene and take over the action.

the action. The final ruling and disposition of the case by the Supreme Court will be awaited before any further decision is taken in the matter.

## Notes on Workers **Club Meeting**

Club Joliette, June 12-Tuesday night being social night for the Coos County Workers Club, the regular business meeting took place at 7 P. M. instead of the customary 8 P. M. meeting.

The business meeting was followed by a bridge and whist party at which prizes were awarded to the lucky winners.

#### UNFAIR BARBER

COMPETITION The leading issue to be discussed The leading issue to be discussed at the meeting was the matter of unfair barber trade methods as practiced by some of the tonsorial profession who sport Blue Eagles but cut hair at cut-rate prices. The East Side was given a clean bill, there being no evidence of unfair practices in this district. The bar-bers in that section are abiding strictly by the code.



Berlin Mills, where a few members of the trade have turned in their Blue Eagles and are charging 25c for haircuts. Some members are still retaining their cards but cut prices nevertheless. The next meet-ing of the barbers will be held the last week of this month and members who refuse to abide by the fair practice code as set by the code, will be summarily expelled.

#### PUBLIC SHOULD PROTECT NRA BARBERS

The Guardian plans to put up a fight to protect the barbers abid-ing by the code. The Guardian will print a list of all barbers who stick by the code, and will urge the general public to support only those barbers found on this list. When entering a barber shop to get a haircut or a shave, ascertain yourself if that shop is displaying a Blue Eagle. If it does, patronize it. If it does not, take your patronage to another shop where the cagle is being displayed.

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### VOTE

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## **Berlin Rallies To** Trim Gorham 6-4

### Martin Wild, But Bears Down in Later Innings

Y.M.C.A. Park, June 8-The local Berlin baseball team waged an uphill fight to edge out their bitter rivals, the Gorham A. A., 6 to 4, here Friday in a game played before more than 800 paid customers in Berlin's new-ly constructed ball park.

Martin Spots Gorham 4 Runs Spotting the Gorhamites a 4-run lead in the first and second innings, "Itchy" Martin bore down in the ensuing innings to allow but three hits, two coming in the ninth with two out, while his teammates staged rallies in the second, fourth and seventh innings.

Berlin Takes Lead In the seventh Berlin took the lead when Jacques singled, went to second on an error and scored on Sullivan's hard hit grounder to the outfield, Delorge then batted in Sullivan with his triple to right field. Summary:

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Berlin 02020020 x-6 Runs batted in-Herrmann 2, Helms 2, Barbin, Agrodnia, Martin, Sullivan, Delorge, Couture. Three base hits-Delorge, Helms. Stolen bases-Herrmann, Leavitt, Barbin, Delorge, Watson. Left on bases-Gorham 10; Berlin 9. Base on ball-off Martin 5; Burton 2. Struck out by-Martin 8; Burton 4; Leavitt 2. Hits off-Burton 7 in six innings: off Leavitt 3 in two innings. Hit by pitcher-by Martin (Foy). Wild pitches-Martin, Burton. Winning pitcher-Martin. Losing pitcher-Leavitt. Umpires-Michaud and Leavitt. Umpires-Michaud and Nolet. Time-1:56.

MANCHESTER WINS OVER LOCAL NINE, 4-1 Y.M.C.A. Park, June 10—Before a crowd of 750, the Amoskeag team of the Manchester City league emerged victorious over Berlin 4-1 in a pitchers' battle between Lucy of Manchester and Gus Rooney of the locals. Rooney

had the downstaters baffled with his variety of hooks in the first five innings, but the Amos-In the first rive infings, but the Amos-<br/>keag boys began hitting hard in the<br/>singe, lbrge, lb401700sin lb0020001son, 2b2100100sixth when they took a lead which<br/>they kept throughout. Lucy prac-<br/>tically won his own game in this<br/>inning when his double scored Har-<br/>ris and Pasiak. "Billy" alias "Pete"

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#### DUMAIS-GAGNE

DUMAIS-GAGNE The many friends of Exilda Du-mais, formerly recording secretary for the Coos County Workers Club, will be glad to learn of her mar-riage to Edward Gagne, which took place April 7, 1934, at St. Anne's Church. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Le-doux and among the witnesses were Joseph Dumais, the bride's father, and Philias Gagne. The couple will now reside at 777 Main Street.

#### CORRECTION

In last week's issue of the Guardian a member of the committee interviewing the Brown Committee interviewing the Brown Com-pany was quoted as saying at the last club meeting that Mr. Paul Brown had stated the company would pay a higher minimum rate if the code forced them. According to the member of the committee what Mr. Brown said was that if the code insisted on a higher mini-mum the Brown Company would pay it, but go out of business in two weeks two weeks.

The Guardian wishes to apologize for having erroneously quoted the member of the committee.

#### **RE-EMPLOYMENT ITEMS**

Mr. Robert Sharples, head of the local re-employment office an-nounced that he recently placed ten men to work on the state highway at Littleton.

Mr. Sharples also wishes to announce that lumbermen are in demand and should make applications for work at the Pleasant Street office.

### **TO-DATE'S RECORD** OF LOCAL NINE Berlin 6, Lewiston 5. Berlin 1, Rumford 12. Berlin 4, Lincoln 1. Berlin 8, Littleton 1. Berlin 1, Lewiston 2. Berlin 6, Gorham 4. Berlin 1, Manchester 4.

#### SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK At Y.M.C.A. Field

Wednesday, Groveton vs. Berlin

at 5 P. M. Friday, Rumford (Pine Tree League) vs. Berlin at 5 P. M. Sunday, Livermore Falls (Pine Tree League) vs. Berlin at 2:30 P.M.

#### SPORTS GLEANINGS

The coming week will find our baseball team very busy as Wednesbaseball team very busy as Wednes-day they meet a strong Groveton team at the Y.M.CA. This game is slated to start at 5 P. M. and "Smoky" Mortensen will probably get the pitching assignment with Dancoes on the receiving end. This will be Groveton's first visit to the local pack this proceed the proc agement of the local club expects a large attendance. Workers! Protect yourselves by renewing your Guardian subscriptions.



QUALITYSUPREME

Friday night Berlin will try to avenge an earlier season shellacking at Rumford when they clash with at Rumford when they clash with the Pine Tree Leaguers at the Y Park at 5 P. M. Gus Rooney will most likely pitch for Berlin and Gus intends to atone for that 12 to 1 beating he took at Rumford. Dan-coes or Couture will catch for Ber-lin, while Christianson will toe the mound for the vicitors mound for the visitors.

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mound for the visitors. Sunday afternoon will find the local team engaging another Pine Tree League, this time Livermore Falls. We wish to assure the local fans that "Bozo" Fiske is not a pitcher for Livermore any more. Fiske is now confining his hurling activities with the Groveton team. This contest is scheduled to start at 2:30, sharp.

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#### NOTICE

We wish to announce that Mr. Adrien Beaudoin and Miss Rolande Beaudoin are not connected with the staff of the Guardian any more. Mr. Beaudoin is now employed on the Pleasant Street project and Miss Beaudoin returned to her work with the Berlin Wholesale Co. Robert Laliberte has been promoted to Assistant Editor and had charge of turning out this issue, as he will the future ones.

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